

commission. At least some of us will not suffer without it. So let us be diligent and handle the funds as if they belonged to the Lord, and do what we can to help decrease that debt. Furthermore, I never yet found a bank, that would not give me a New York draft free of exchange charges, when I told them the funds I was sending, were in any sense church funds. I have made many remittances for Missions, the college and the EVANGELIST, and don't remember that I ever withheld a part to pay exchange. Some may say, these are small items, but "many a little makes a nickel," and we can't be too careful and saving in handling funds that go for the extension of God's Kingdom. But first of all, let us try for subscribers and the cash, then let small economies follow if you think best.

SAMUEL LICHTY.

Falls City, Neb.

Milledgeville Notes

It has been some time since anything has been reported from Milledgeville, but we have not been idle. In fact, this has been the busiest summer in my experience in church work. Last spring we decided to re-model our church house, which meant quite an undertaking and a good deal of extra work for the pastor. We began by digging a basement that we might place our heating apparatus out of sight. We then added a wing to the main building twenty by twenty-eight feet and built a new vestibule and tower eight by nine feet, all done with brick veneer. New windows of leaded art and colored cathedral glass were placed in the entire building. In the main audience room the floor was elevated and a new pulpit platform built, the front of which is constructed in panels of red-wood. Circular oak pews finished in the golden were placed in the auditorium and a solid cherry pulpit stand and a dozen very finely constructed choir chairs were placed upon the platform which gives it a very cosy appearance. The newly built room is also seated with solid oak chairs. The whole interior of the church including the two vestibules was very artistically papered by one of the best interior decorators in this part of the country. The interior wood work was all re-painted and stained with a dark oak stain, while the exterior wood work was thoroughly painted. This work was all done by brother S. A. Smith. The Sisters' Society furnished two hundred and twenty-five yards of all wool ingrain carpet, or enough to carpet the entire building.

Four hundred and ninety-eight square feet of cement walk were laid in front of the church, partly paid for by the town and partly by the church. A cement walk six feet wide was laid from the street to the church where cement steps and buttresses complete the approach to the entrance. So muddy weather need not keep the town people from church.

When I say the pastor began work the first day of the excavation for the basement and was the last man to leave the completed church, and preached two sermons, taught a Sunday school class, and led the mid week prayer and Bible study meeting each week, besides attending to other numerous pastoral and home duties, you will not wonder that it has been the busiest summer of his life. The entire cost of the improvements to the church, including material and labor donated, was over twenty one hundred dollars. This added to the cost of the original building brings the total above five thousand five hundred dollars. Thus we think we have a place of worship that is good enough for anybody and that is inviting and attractive enough to draw to some extent those who are not interested as much in the religion of Jesus as they should be.

One pleasing feature is that this congregation is willing and able to meet its financial obligations promptly and the brethren rallied right nobly to this call upon their liberality.

Yesterday the tenth we held our dedicatory ser-

vices. We had a nice day and a congregation the like of which I had not seen since I left Indiana. We used to have such "jams" once in a while at Mt. Pleasant, Flora and Darwin, Ind. But people are not as regular church goers in this country.

On Sunday evening our King's Children society (we are still K. C. here) met for the first time in their room undisturbed by the gathering congregation. It seems this is the only way to successfully meet the requirements of the young people, as much of the embarrassment resulting from the constant coming of those not interested in the young people's work is avoided. It also adds much to the efficiency of the Sunday school to have the smaller classes separated from the school proper. Our school has been on the increase this summer and yesterday was the banner day in attendance for perhaps the last five or six years.

While our church was undergoing repairs we had the use of the Baptist church, a very fine structure, but without regular preaching services for several years.

We expect to begin our revival services the last of this month. This is a difficult field in which to make converts. Pray for us.

R. R. TRÉTER.

Needmore, O.

To the members of Mt. Zion class Brethren church greeting. Notice is hereby given that Sunday Dec. 1, 1901 has been set apart as a missionary Sunday. Wish for all to come and come prepared for a very liberal contribution for this very important part of the church work. "The harvest is great but the labourers are few."

ISAAC INBODEN, Sec'y.

Philadelphia, Pa.

We have just closed a few week night services in Lansdale, Pa., with two additions from the German Baptist Brethren. We now have eleven members here and if our people can get a regular preaching place we believe there can be a good congregation built at Lansdale.

According to promise I will give a brief account of my nine years' work in this part of the brotherhood.

We preached our last sermon as elder and pastor of the Tenth and Daughin Brethren church Sunday night October 27th to a crowded house. We did not preach a farewell sermon as we expect to remain in Philadelphia and continue our membership in the same church altho we are opening up a new work where we now live, about fifty squares away. When we took charge of the work nine years ago it was not in a very good condition. We had been used to good congregations at Louisville and Middlebranch, Ohio, and it took several months before we could preach with ease here. For the first three years there was a gradual increase in attendance and membership until we had fair congregations both mornings and evenings; but the coldness of the church, the lack of spirituality in myself as pastor, the lack of proper organization, and the reception of religious tramps that often prove a curse to city churches, were the principal causes of us losing continually a considerable number of those received. This state of affairs grieved me much but we did not know how to remedy it. This drove us to search the word more and to pray oftener and more earnestly until we were led to see that we had never claimed nor received the gift of the Holy Ghost. After counting the cost we claimed by faith this gift and God greatly blessed us physically and spiritually. Without knowledge to me Brother Cassel was studying the same subject and about the same time received the same gift. A new era had now dawned. I publicly confessed what God had done for me and declared that human and selfish methods would be abandoned and henceforth we would depend more upon God and prayer. Some never accepted this gift and had but little faith in receiv-

ing the Holy Ghost after we believed, yet they could not help but see the change that God had wrought. Thru more secret prayer and occasional days of fasting and prayer of the church God poured out his Spirit upon a number of our people. God at once gave many of us a missionary spirit and providentially thrust us out thru Macedonian cries. God first providentially opened up a mission in New Jersey. After many trials we built the Calvary church there. It was a hard field but at this writing God is greatly pouring out his Spirit there and you will soon hear the good news from Brother Smith.

By clear providential leading the Lord called us to open the Ridgely, Md., work. Here we also erected a neat church building. The same can be said of Allentown where we have a good brick church and where I am now holding meetings.

Indirectly the Amwell New Jersey church and Brother Atwood's mission are outgrowths of the Philadelphia church. Nine years ago we had one house of worship, now we have six. We also have two missions that are yet in their infancy. One in Lansdale, Pa., where we just closed a short meeting, the other The Whole Gospel Mission at 2000 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia.

Space will only admit the mentioning of the World Wide Missionary Society and the Young People's Society of the Brethren Church which have been a great blessing in creating missionary sentiment and spiritual growth.

Ministers that we ordained, J. C. Cassel, E. E. Roberts and Vianna Detwiler. Speakers not ordained, Alice Harley, Allentown, Pa., Harvey Holsinger, Ridgely, Md., and Brother Hartman, a good speaker who has recently fallen asleep. Candidates who have felt called to enter the foreign field, Vianna Detwiler, Ethlyn Clark, Albert Hahn.

Present membership of Philadelphia church: Not having my pastoral record I will give approximate figures. Membership about 212 not counting the Calvary, N. J., members who yet hold their membership in Philadelphia. About four-fifths of this number have been received since I came to Philadelphia.

For six years our mission points and other calls for evangelistic work have taken me from home at least half of my time. This caused my home work to suffer some. Many hindering causes have been removed and some remain yet to be removed but by the persistent efforts of Brother Bauman we believe the work will continue to prosper. Last year Brother Bauman was our associate worker. Our work was pleasant, without a jar, and in turning the work over to him as elder and pastor we expect to continue to give him our hearty support and earnest prayers.

A few words concerning my future course. Some of my dearest brethren have wondered why I refused to remain pastor of the Philadelphia church when I could have done so and are still more surprised at my refusing the calls of a number of the best churches in the brotherhood and have opened up a mission that is supported only by voluntary contributions. Had I consulted my feelings I would have proceeded differently. I felt a clear call to proceed as I have and only time will prove whether it was God's call or a mistaken imagination of my heart and mind. I was afraid to disobey God, hence the course I have taken.

We have opened up a beautiful mission in the store part of the building in which I live. A twelve room house, including the two bath rooms, situated on the corner of 17th and McKel streets, number of house 2000 S. 17th street Sunday services: S. S. 2:30 p. m., preaching 4 p. m. Week day services Tuesday evenings 8 p. m. Additional services in a few weeks, Sunday 8 p. m., Friday nights 8 p. m. These five weekly services will be held the year round. Sister Vianna Detwiler has charge of services until I return home in December. We will begin a six week's meeting by New Year.

We have so far received about \$25 a month in